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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT CH  
SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY AGAIN DRAWS BEAD ON RECALCITRANT CADRES

REF: PEKING 760

1. THE MARCH 23 PEOPLE'S DAILY FRONTPAGED YET ANOTHER ARTICLE BY A /SPECIAL COMMENTATOR" ATTACKING UNNAMED CADRES WHO HAVE OPPOSED THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR. THE ARTICLE REMINDS ITS READERS THAT IN THE OVERALL LINE SET DOWN BY LAST YEAR'S ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS, THE KEY ELEMENT IS THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE THE GANG. BUT THE RESPONSE, IT STATES, HAS STILL BEEN INADEQUATE.

2. THE COMMENTATOR LISTS TWO TYPES OF "IDEOLOGICAL OBSTACLES" WHICH STILL EXIST WITHIN THE PARTY. ONE IS INSUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENT LINE, WHICH RESULTS IN DOUBT AND HESITATION WHEN FACED WITH PROBLEMS. THE OTHER, AND BY IMPLICATION MORE IMPORTANT OBSTACLE IS OPPOSITION TO THE LINE. A MINORITY OF CADRES HAVE MADE MISTAKES  
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AND STILL NOT CORRECTED THEM. SOME HAVE EVEN TRIED TO "COVER UP" THEIR MISTAKES, TO SUPPRESS THE MASSES AND OPPOSE THE ANTI-GANG CAMPAIGN.

3. THE ARTICLE DRAWS AN INTERESTING DISTINCTION. IF A PERSON MADE MISTAKES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR, COVERED THEM UP AFTER THE FALL OF THE GANG, AND YET

CORRECTED THEM AFTER THE ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS,  
THE HE SHOULD BE EXCUSED (LIANG CHIEH 6156/6043).  
IF, HOWEVER, HE REFUSES TO CARRY OUT THE PARTY LINE  
SET BY THE NEW CONGRESS, THIS IS NO LONGER PERMISSIBLE.  
"THE OLD BILL IS NOT YET SETTLED, AND NEW DEBTS CONTINUE  
TO BE ACCUMULATED, HOW CAN THIS BILL BE MADE GOOD?"

4. THE AUTHOR ALSO WARNS CADRES AGAINST TRYING TO  
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE GENERAL LINE AND SPECIFIC  
POLICIES. PARTY POLICIES ARE THE CONCRETE MANIFESTATION  
OF THE LINE, AND MUST BE IMPLEMENTED.

5. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE STRENGTHENS THE IMPRESSION  
OF PRECEDING ONES THAT THE ANTI-GANG CAMPAIGN IS  
STILL MEETING RESISTANCE AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP, OR  
AT LEAST THAT PART OF IT REPRESENTED BY TENG HSIAO-PING,  
IS DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO THIS OPPOSITION. THE  
INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE "COVER-UP FACTION" SEEMS DESIGNED  
TO KEEP THE HEAT ON POLITBURO MEMBER WU TEH (SEE PEKING 476).  
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